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## **Subject: Agency Risk Management Procedural Requirements**

**Responsible Office: Office of Safety and Mission Assurance**

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## **Chapter 2. Roles and Responsibilities**

### **2.1 General**

2.1.1 The implementation of the requirements of this NPR is the responsibility of Mission Directorates, Headquarters Mission Support Offices, Center Directors, and program/project managers. They are responsible for determining which organizational units within their domains are subject to the risk management requirements in this NPR, including the staffing and execution of the risk management function.

2.1.2 Some requirements in this NPR are identified as applying only to organizational units of a particular type, such as Center support units or program/project units. Where the type of unit is not specified, requirements should be understood to apply to all types of organizational units.

2.1.3 Risks of all kinds are addressed in this NPR, but management of institutional risks is the focus of mission support and Center support units, while management of mission execution risks is the focus of program/project organizational units.

2.1.4 Per NPD 1000.0, risk management at the Agency level is the responsibility of the Agency's Management Councils.

2.1.5 The Safety and Mission Assurance organizations at the NASA Centers are responsible for providing risk management consultation, facilitation, and training to program/project organizations.

### **2.2 Requirements**

a. Mission Directorate Associate Administrators shall specify organizational units within

their Directorates responsible for the implementation of the requirements of this NPR ([Requirement 59242](#)).

b. Program/project managers shall specify the organizational units and the hierarchy within their respective domains to which the requirements of this NPR apply ([Requirement 59243](#)).

c. Headquarters Mission Support Office heads and Center Directors shall specify the organizational units and the hierarchy within their respective domains to which the requirements of this NPR apply ([Requirement 59244](#)).

d. The Chief, Safety and Mission Assurance shall:

(1) Verify that this NPR is appropriately implemented across the Agency ([Requirement 59246](#)).

(2) Prepare an integrated assessment model to be used to establish compliance determinations across Mission Directorates, programs and projects, Centers, and Headquarters Mission Support Offices ([Requirement 59247](#)).

(3) Provide handbooks and training opportunities to facilitate implementation of this NPR ([Requirement 59248](#)).

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